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Programme of action for the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind that, in the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action,[1] the 1993 World Conference on Human Rights recognized the inherent dignity and the unique contribution of indigenous peoples to the development and plurality of society and strongly reaffirmed the commitment of the international community to their economic, social and cultural well-being and their enjoyment of the fruits of sustainable development,

Reaffirming that States should, in accordance with international law, take concerted positive steps to ensure respect for all human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous peoples, on the basis of equality and non-discrimination, and recognizing the value and diversity of their distinctive identities, cultures and social organizations,

Recalling its resolution 48/163 of 21 December 1993, in which it proclaimed the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People, commencing on 10 December 1994, with the goal of strengthening international cooperation for the solution of problems faced by indigenous people in such areas as human rights, the environment, development, education and health,

Bearing in mind the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration[2] and the programme of action for the Second Decade of the World's Indigenous People, which are linked and together bring actions to improve the standard of living of the indigenous peoples,

[1] A/CONF.157/24 (Part I), chap. III.
[2] General Assembly resolution 55/2 of 8 September 2000.

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Welcoming its resolution 59/174 of 20 December 2004 proclaiming the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous people, 2005-2014,

Expressing its appreciation to the Coordinator of the Second Decade, the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, for having elaborated a concrete programme of action to be pursued during the Decade based upon equal participation and partnership between all actors involved,

Conscious that in its resolution 59/174 the General Assembly requested the Coordinator to fulfil his mandate in full cooperation and consultation with, inter alia, the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and other relevant bodies and mechanisms of the United Nations system, and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights,

Deeply convinced of the need to continue giving special attention throughout the Second Decade to standard-setting activities on issues of particular interest to indigenous peoples,

Having considered all the ideas and proposals submitted in the course of drafting the programme of action,

1. *Adopts* the draft programme of action for the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People;[3]

2. *Urges* all actors involved in the process to cooperate in a constructive manner to achieve rapid progress and concrete results in realizing the goals of the Second Decade;

3. *Appeals* to the international community to provide financial support to the programme of action for the Second Decade, inter alia, through contributions to the Voluntary Fund for the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People;

4. *Adopts* for the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People the theme, "Agenda for life";

5. *Requests* the Coordinator to consult with Member States, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, indigenous peoples and other organizations with respect to the possibility of undertaking midterm and end-of-term reviews of the Second Decade;

6. *Reaffirms* that, in accordance with its resolutions 40/131 of 13 December 1985, 52/108 of 12 December 1997 and 56/140 of 19 December 2001, the representatives of indigenous communities and organizations will continue to benefit from the financial assistance that can be provided by the Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations to facilitate their participation in the deliberations of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations and in those of the Permanent Forum and the open-ended intersessional working group of the Commission on Human Rights in charge of completing the draft United Nations declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples;

7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-first session, under the item entitled "Indigenous issues", a sub-item entitled "Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People".

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[3] A/60/270, chap. II.